

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2787 - HB 2812

February 27, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that children starting kindergarten be five years of age by July 31st of the year they start kindergarten. Present law requires that children must be five years of age by September 30 of the year they start kindergarten.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Approx. \$11 million One-Time FY1999-2000
Decrease State Expenditures - Approx. \$33 million One-Time FY1999-2000

Assumes a one-time reduction in the number of children enrolling in kindergarten for the 1998-1999 school year, which impact is realized through the BEP funding formula in the 1999-2000 school year. Because the BEP is funded on the previous years' ADMs, this would mean that the funding would be reduced in the year when the additional children were enrolled. Children with birthdays in August and September would be bumped to the following year (1999-2000).

In 1996-97, approximately 75,000 children entered kindergarten. Assuming that approximately the same number of children are born each month, then approximately 12,500 students would be affected.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director